

HOUSE BILL 209
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to the Tennessee regulatory authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-201, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Until July 1, 2008, there is created the Tennessee regulatory authority consisting of five (5) directors. The directors shall be appointed as follows: one (1) shall be appointed by the governor, one (1) shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate, one (1) shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one (1) shall be appointed by the democratic members of the general assembly, and one (1) shall be appointed by joint agreement among the governor, the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Beginning July 1, 2008, and thereafter the directors shall be appointed as follows: one (1) shall be appointed by the governor, one (1) shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate, one (1) shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one (1) shall be appointed by the democratic members of the general assembly, and one (1) shall be appointed by the republican members of the general assembly. In making such appointments, all appointing

authorities shall strive to ensure that the Tennessee regulatory authority is composed of directors who are diverse in professional or educational background, ethnicity, geographic residency, heritage, perspective and experience.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-201(g), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(g) On the effective date of this act, one (1) director shall be appointed by the democratic members of the general assembly to serve a term of office to expire on July 1, 2008.

In order to stagger the terms of directors, the terms of directors appointed during 2008 to commence terms of office on July 1, 2008, shall expire as follows:

(1) The term of the director appointed by the governor and the term of the director appointed by the democratic members of the general assembly shall expire on June 30, 2011.

(2) The term of the directors appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate and the republican members of the general assembly shall expire on June 30, 2014.

(3) Thereafter, all members shall serve six-year terms.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-204, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.